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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives recognizes  
3 the need to protect our Great Lakes from and remediate them of  
4 harmful sediments contaminated with PCBs, dioxin, mercury, and  
5 PAHs; these toxins are known to contaminate fish and may harm  
6 those humans who eat them; and

7           WHEREAS, Scientific studies link the presence of sediment  
8 contaminants to cancer, reproductive problems, lowered IQ's,  
9 and developmental delays; and

10           WHEREAS, The governments of the United States and Canada  
11 have recognized 43 highly polluted areas in the Great Lakes  
12 region, and 10 of these sites are located along or contribute  
13 to Lake Michigan, which provides drinking water for citizens of  
14 Illinois; and

15           WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002 led to the  
16 removal of 126,000 pounds of lead, 2,800 pounds of cadmium,  
17 204,000 pounds of chromium, and 320 pounds of PCBs from  
18 Muskegon Lake in Michigan, which is connected to Lake  
19 Michigan's eastern shore; and

20           WHEREAS, Under the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002, the U.S.  
21 EPA has successfully completed projects in Hog Island,

1 Wisconsin; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Black Lagoon, Michigan;  
2 Ashtabula, Ohio; and Ruddiman Creek, Michigan; has started a  
3 project in Kinnickinnic River, Wisconsin; and has planned  
4 projects in Buffalo River, New York; Grand Calumet, Indiana;  
5 Ryerson Creek, Michigan; Riverview, Michigan; Eighteen Mile  
6 Creek, New York; Ottawa River, Ohio; and Division St. Outfall,  
7 Michigan; and

8 WHEREAS, The reauthorization of funds for this program in  
9 the amount of \$54 million annually is necessary to continue  
10 projects aimed at removing potentially harmful sediments; of  
11 these funds, the U.S. EPA would be authorized to use \$50  
12 million annually for contaminated sediments projects, \$3  
13 million annually for research into innovative remediation  
14 technologies, and \$1 million annually for public outreach and  
15 education; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 the House of Representatives urges the President of the United  
19 States to sign the Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of  
20 2008 (H.R. 6460) into law, thus allowing the continued funding  
21 of the program's efforts to clean up and improve the Great  
22 Lakes area; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 delivered to the President of the United States and the members  
2 of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.